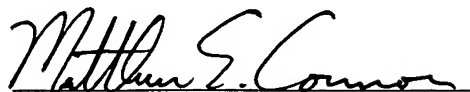


REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to conform the claims to U.S. patent practice.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew E. Connors", written over a horizontal line.

Matthew E. Connors
Registration No. 33,298
Gauthier & Connors LLP
225 Franklin Street, Suite 3300
Boston, Massachusetts 02110
Telephone: (617) 426-9180
Extension 112